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Dear Mr. Ashe:

I'm really embarrassed that I've been so long in writing to you because I spoke with the Secretary right after you and I talked on the telephone.

He had not known of the existence of the ad hoc Committee of Black Americans on South Africa. So that answers our question about the continuation of the activities of the old group. In the interval, the Secretary and the Bureau of African Affairs have been talking directly with people in South Africa and individuals in the United States. There is so much activity right now that it's probably less complicated to continue with the present course than to take time out to establish another layer.

I have sent a copy of your letter to Richard Moose, who is the new Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and I expect that you will be hearing from him in the near future. Aside from the fact that he is a very able person, he is truly and deeply committed and concerned about South Africa. When Andy made his long African trip several weeks ago, Dick went with him. I hope that you'll get to know him too, and I am sure that he'll be anxious to talk with you.

Sincerely,

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